

(6) Please insert "identifying whether a process variation is global or local based on the signature of the spatial components." after line ²²~~17~~ at the end of the claim.

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- iii. Please cancel claim 23.
- iv. Please cancel claim 24.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The limitations of dependent claims 23 and 24 (now cancelled) have been moved into independent claims 1 and 14, respectively, to reflect the decision of the BPAI of 2/28/11 in this application.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason M. Berman whose telephone number is (571)270-5265. The examiner can normally be reached on M-R 8am-5pm EST.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sameer Gokhale on 3/8/11.

The application has been amended as follows:

i. In claim 1:

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- (1) Please delete the "and" following the ';' at the end of line ⁹~~8~~
- (2) Please delete the "." at the end of final line ¹⁴~~13~~ and insert in its place "; and".
- (3) Please insert "Identifying whether a process variation is global or local based on the signature of spatial components." after line ¹³~~12~~, at the end of the claim.

ii. In claim 14:

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- (4) Please delete the "and" following the ';' at the end of line ²⁰~~15~~.
- (5) Please delete the "." at the end of line ²²~~17~~ at the end of final line ²²~~17~~ and insert in its place "; and".